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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit 1617

Löftroth et al.

APPLICATION NO: 08/945,655

Examiner: Webman, Edward J.

FILED: October 24, 1997

FOR: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION FOR SUSTAINED RELEASE
OF THE HMG-CoA REDUCTASE INHIBITOR FLUVASTATIN

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

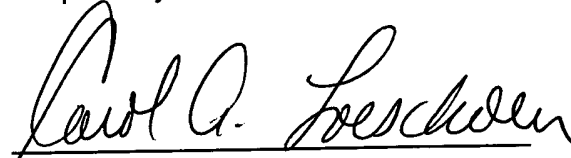
Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 16, 2002, for which the time to respond extends to and includes September 16, 2002, due to the attached two-month petition for extension of time, Applicant elects prosecution of Group I, claims 1-6, 15-22 and 29 and polyethylene oxide as the polymer, with traverse.

In view of the foregoing, the application is now considered to be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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